1259. *[Transferred u> tlie 5th .May,* 1986].

Fttliiig up of tbe TKancies <rf Vice-Prindpals

1260. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISRA: Will the Minister *pt* HUMAN" RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply lo Qle Unstarred QuestioQ 327 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th February, 1986 and state:

(a) the names of schools in Delhi where poats of Vice-Principals have not been fifled up so far; and

(b) what are the reasons therefor and wh«t steps Government propose to take to get the vacant posts filled »p?

THE MINISTER OF STATTtN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) list is annc.ted. *[Sec* Appendix CXXXVIII, Annexure No. 35]

(b) In Government schools some posts are vacant on account of recent promotion of Ae incumbents and others due to nonavailability of S.C./S.T. candidates. In aided schools posts are vacant because of nOH-finalisation of seniority lists find non-coHtcning of D. P. Cs.

Action has been initiated for lilUng up of Tacaait posts in Government schools and instructions have been issued to aided schools for early finalisation of seniority list and convening of D. P. Cs.

BCG teams i»' Pondicherry

1261. SHRI V. NARAYANAS.MVfy-\W the Minister of HEALTH AND FAM.LY WELFARE be pleased to state:

<a) how many BCG teams have been sanctioned by the Government of India for the Union Territory of Pondicherry aod when these were sanctioned;

(b) how many BCG teams are working at present;

(c) whether there >« any proposal to diseontiniie the BCG teams In Pondi-dwrry; and

(<J) if so, how the services of these per-soBs are going to be utilised? sEm

.J THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) One BCG team was sanctioned for the Union Territory of "Pondicherry in 1959 which is still fiinctiotiing. Earlier, BCG vaccination was being done as a vertical programme but nO"*' i' ti^s ^^^ integrated with the expanded Programme • of Immunization. The services of the BCG technicians will continue to be utilised foi the programme and they ^fiave been entrusted with the responsibility of training the Multi-purpose workers fn BCG. vaccination.

Fiiiancial assi-stance to the Yoga and Naturopathy anits

1262. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to sta«««:

(a) whel'iier jt is a fact that under aegis Of her Ministry the Central Council of Research for Yoga and Naturopathy had twen set up in Delhi.

(b) whether it is also a fact that for the past eighteen months the Council has Decome completely inactive and na P'o-gress on work has been shown during this period;

•(c) if so, what action has been taken \ by Government;

(d) "whether it is also a fact that Go-vernment had been giving financial assis-tance to twelve Naturopathy Centres in the country and this grant has been suspended now; and

(e) if so, the .reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) The Central Council loi Research in Yoga and Naturopathy had sanctioned research projects in Naturo pathy in 1981-82 initially for a period Of three years. Fourteen institutions undertook the research work under this scheme. Tfte institutions were giving financial assistance by the Council d^nns 1981 to 1985. After re-constitution of the Governing Body of the Council in 198.S, a ScientifTt Financial Advisory Committee (Naturopathy) was constituted. The pro posals for grants to various Naturopathy institution.s in the country were ex'amined by the Scientific Financial Advisory Com mittee (Naturopathy) in March, 1986. The Committee has recommended release of grants for research to six Naturopathy institutions.

Tribal education

1263. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will *the* Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Education Commission 1964-66 had strongly advocated 'for special attention to tribal education; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard and 'he results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA RO-HATGI); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has taken a number of steps for the educational development of Scheduled Tribes which include, *inter, alia;* Opening of educational institutions on priority basis in tribal areas, provision of incentives in the form of scholarships, free-ship, free uniforms, books and stationery, setting up of Ashram Schools and hostels. Reservation of seats in Edu-fcaljional institutions and provision of coadiing facilities.

Tliese measures have resulted in signifi-cant improvement in the education of Scheduled Tribes. Their literacy rate has almost doubled in the last two decades. from 8,54 per cent in 1961 to 16.35 per cent in 1981. Percentage of enrolmeirt: of Scheduled Tribes to total enrolment at primary stage ha^ increased from 4.6 in 1967-68 to 7.1 in 1983-84. The corresponding figures of" enrolment at middle stage are 2.8 and 4.2. The number of Scheduled T.afaes availing postmatric scholarship has increased from 21,26l in 1967-68 to 1,19,483 in 1982-83 showing morg than five-fold increase.

Over charging by autonckslui«r drivers at Delhi

1264. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
— SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:
DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the continuous exploitation of passengers by the autorickshaw and taxi drivers in Delhi overcharging, keeping fault metres, refusal to lake passengers to specified destinations unless paid extra charges etc. despite various measures claimed to have been taken by the authorities concerned;

(b) whether Government are a'so aware that exploitation of the passengers becomes more when the fares are raised by the authorities and the autorickshaw/ta-xl metres are to be caliberated as per the new fares; and

(c) if sO, what more stringent measures than the existing ones are being contemplated to check corrupt practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANS-PORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and
(b) Instances of this nature have come to the notice.

(c) Delhi Administration have reported that consequent to the intensive checking, as many as 75510 and 6904 cases have been prosecuted against aiitoricksb^w? and taxies respectively by the enforcement agencies in the past two years upto 31-3-1986 for various trffenees. Of these